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TAGS: OREP (HUMPHREY, H. H. AND SCOTT, HUGH)

SUBJ: CODEL HUMPHREY/SCOTT

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1. CODEL VISIT FOLLOWED SCHEDULE IN REFTEL EXCEPT THAT COUNTRY BRIEFING BY EMBASSY WAS DECLINED AND SPECIAL BRIEFING BY US DEL MBFR WAS ARRANGED FOR SENATORS CULVER AND LEAHY SINCE THEY ARRIVED ON SPECIAL FLIGHTS LATE AFTERNOON AND EVENING OF APRIL 3. SENATOR HUMPHREY PARTICIPATED IN FIRST DAY PROGRAM ARRANGED BY US DEL MBFR BEFORE DEPARTING VIENNA SAME AFTERNOON. CODEL DEPARTED VIENNA 3 PM (VICE 4 PM) APRIL 5 DIRECT OT MADRID, HAVING FIRST RESCHEDULED DEPARTURE FOR 9 AM TO PICK UP SENATOR HUMPHREY AND PARTY AT BONN/COLLOGNE AND PARTICIPATE IN POSSIBLE PROGRAM IN LISBON BEFORE RETURNING TO PREVIOUS ITINERARY AT MADRID, THEN RESCHEDULED AGAIN (WHEN LISBON PROGRAM DID NOT MATERIALIZE) FOR 3 PM DEPARTURE IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE BONN/COLOGNE STOP AND MAINTAIN MADRID SCHEDULE. CODEL PROCEEDED ON LATTER SCHEDULE RATHER THAN CHANGE AGAIN WHEN BONN/COLOGNE STOP WAS CANCELLED.

2. VIENNA PROGRAM PROVIDED SOME REST FOLLOWING GRUELLING PACE OF CODEL'S FIRST FEW DAYS AND WEATHER COOPERATED TO MAKE VIENNA STOP MORE PLEASANT. REQUESTS FOR INDIVIDUAL PROGRAMMING AFTER ARRIVAL WERE MET EXCEPT THAT EMBASSY WAS UNABLE ON FINAL MORNING TO SECURE CZECH VISAS FOR BOTH SENATOR AND MRS. HOLLINGS TO VISIT NEARBY BRATISLAVA

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AND US CONSULATE BUILDING BEING REFURBISHED THERE

(CZECH CONSUL SAID HE COULD NOT ACCOMMODATE MRS. HOLLINGS ON SHORT NOTICE BECAUSE SHE DID NOT HAVE DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT) OR TO ARRANGE VISIT TO TRANSIT FACILITY FOR SOVIET JEWISH EMIGRANTS FOR STAFF MEMBER DAVIS.

3. EMBASSY DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN SUBSTANTIVE ASPECTS OF CODEL VISIT, WHICH FOCUSED PRIMARILY ON MBFR TALKS THAT US DEL MBFR IS REPORTING SEPARATELY, BUT DID PROVIDE MEMBERS WITH FULL SET OF FBIS SUMMARIES OF AUSTRIAN EDITORIAL OPINION ON RECENT EVENTS IN INDOCHINA AS THEY RELATE TO US PRESTIGE AND CREDITABILITY. MATERIAL WAS PROVIDED INASMUCH AS OPINION IN AUSTRIA WAS, ACCORDING TO FOREIGN RELATIONS STAFF PARTICIPANT, APPARENTLY MORE OUTSPOKEN THAN THAT ENCOUNTERED ELSEWHERE ON TRIP.BUCHANAN

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